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BIG AUCTION SALE SATURDAY.

J. E. McDONALD, Assignee.

The Great Velvet Bean "Poor Man's Fertilizer."

Kline O'Varn in The State.

Last spring I called the attention of southern farmers to the value of the velvet bean as a stock feed and soil enricher through the columns of the agricultural papers. That my brother farmers might see for themselves what the beans would do I distributed several hundred packages of seed in different States. It was late in the season when most of the seed were sent out and many failed to mature the seed before frost, but the enormous growth of the vines and the avidity with which stock ate them attracted great attention wherever grown. Those who planted early matured the seed in most instances. I will give a plan later on whereby the seed may be matured in the most northern latitudes, and once the seed are matured there they will ripen much earlier than the Florida grown seed, owing to our long summers.

I have received so many letters recently asking for more information about the beans and to save correspondence and for the benefit of all who are interested I have decided to write a general description of them for your columns. For several years I have made a close study of the best means of enriching our farms without the use of so much costly commercial fertilizer and for a long time thought the stock pea was the thing, but experiment has proven the velvet bean to be 50 per cent better both as a stock feed and soil improver, and once its value is learned the south will be benefited millions of dollars in the saving of fertilizers. They have been tested in a limited manner from Maryland to Texas and as far north as Michigan with such results that I have yet to hear of a farmer giving them up after once learning their value. Their effect in building up worn out soils is truly remarkable and they have been aptly called the "poor man's fertilizer." The experiment stations that have tested them are united in their praise. The Louisiana station found that an acre of ordinary beans contained 191 pounds of nitrogen, 243 pounds of potash, and 41

pounds of phosphoric acid, which, when turned under, had a fertilizing value of \$40 per acre. The Alabama station took an old worn out hillside field and planted a plot in beans which were turned under in the fall and planted in oats. On an adjoining plot the crab grass and ordinary growth that had sprung up in the year was turned under and planted in the same manner in oats. When the crop was harvested in the following spring the yield was 32.6 bushels following the beans and only 8.4 bushels following the volunteer growth. The straw from the bean plot weighed just five times as much as from the other plot. Another plot was planted in corn following the beans and gave results equally startling. A crop of the beans can be made and turned under for \$4 an acre, and in these experiments is an object lesson every farmer in the south will do well to study, for there is big money in it. My own experience extending over a period of six years has been so satisfactory that I have constantly increased my acreage and this year I am planting 400 acres. The enormous growth of vines and yield of beans is truly an eye opener. I have known them to make nine tons of hay per acre and 75 bushels of shelled beans on land that would not make 20 bushels of corn. The bean is very rich in protein and equal to cotton seed meal in feeding value. The vines contain large amounts of carbohydrates and supply the roughage, making a complete feed that is the most economical grown. Last fall the Florida experiment station took a grade steer and feed on velvet beans and pods in the green stage for 60 days and a gain of 214 pounds was made in weight in that time. We generally turn the steers in the beans when they first begin to mature and an acre fattens three to five head, increasing their selling value an average of \$7 per head. The stubble is plowed under the following spring and planted in corn and the crop is generally 50 per cent better. The vines make the finest feed for milk cows I ever saw and are equally good for sheep, horses and other stock, but the beans are not suitable for human food.

To make them, prepare the

land in the same manner as for corn. Plant when danger of frost is over in rows four feet apart, 18 to 24 inches in the drill, two to a hill. Cultivate once or twice according to growth and lay by. They grow at a tremendous rate and soon cover the ground with a mass of vines waist deep. The old leaves drop off and new ones keep coming on and I have seen the ground six inches deep in leaves and none could be missed from the vines. The vines keep green until killed by the frost, but they rot very quickly and can be turned under in a short time. The beans grow in clusters similar to cow peas, ripening rapidly, and can be picked twice as fast as cow peas. They grow in a thick hull and will hang on the vines three months after ripening before rotting, a big advantage over cow peas, and can be grazed on all winter by stock. The vines make a very nutritious hay and can be mowed two or three times. They withstand the severest drought or wettest weather, thrive anywhere and rarely ever make a failure. I am perfectly satisfied they are going to prove one of the most valuable crops introduced in recent years and more farmers will plant this year than ever before.

I may be called a velvet bean "crank," but it has proven so profitable in building up a poor worn out farm, and is so cheaply grown, when I think of the thousands of farmers who are barely making a living on their poor land, I consider it my duty to call their attention to what the bean will do and help them get started. I have at my own expense sent out a large lot of small packages, but a dozen or so of seed are not enough to make a fair test or to get a start, however, and as the seed are worth \$2 per bushel here I cannot afford to furnish the seed and pay the postage too.

Now, to help the work along, I will send to leading farmers a large bag of the seed with full direction for planting and maturing the seed in the colder climate of the northern states, provided they will forward 25 cents for postage. Or for \$1 I will forward enough seed for an acre, as long as they last, if the grower will agree to distribute a portion of

his first crop among his neighbors and get them started.

I am not in the seed business; have none to sell; and make this offer because I feel that I am helping my brother farmers to get a start of a crop that has doubled the value of my farm in productiveness.

Fort Meade, Florida.

The Last Heard Of It.

My little boy took the croup one night and soon grew so bad you could hear him breathe all over the house, says F. D. Reynolds, Mansfield, O. He feared he would die, but a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure quickly relieved him and he went to bed. That's the last we heard of the little fellow. Now isn't a cough cure like that valuable? One Minute Cough Cure is absolutely safe and acts instantly. For cough, colds, croup, whooping cough and all other throat and lung troubles it is a certain cure. Very pleasant to take. The little ones like it. Michaelis Co.

A RUEL SPORT.

The Slaughter of the Pigeons-The Influence of Money.

The slaughter of the innocents continues at the grounds of the Aiken gun club on the edge of the city, and seems likely to continue so far as any action of the South Carolina legislature will be taken to stop it.

On this painful subject the New York Times says in reference to similar cruel work in that state, and the seeming futile efforts to stop it:

"According to present indications at Aiken, the bill depriving pigeon shooters of the abominable privilege possessed by them alone of all the state's citizens—of exemption from the law relating to cruelty to animals, is to be passed in the senate and killed in the assembly. That, if true, shows that the lobby and manufacturers of guns and ammunition finds the one influence it commands—money and money's worth more potent among the assembly than among the senators, and thus concentrating that influence where it will do the most. This assertion is entirely safe because all the arguments based on intelligence and morality are on the side of abolishing pigeon shooting. No man alive can say any good of it except those few to whom it means the sale of certain wares, if they tell the truth, that the practice is profitable to themselves."

While of course no such intimation of corruption is for a moment applicable to our legislature, yet we fear that the money influence operated in this State, and Aiken, equally with other places although in a different way. There is a distinct opposition to take any step that may be objectionable to those who have money, and are supposed to spend it in Aiken. After all it is the influence of money which perpetuates this cruelty.

Millions Put To Work.

The wonderfully activity of the new century is shown by an enormous demand for the world's best workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. For Constipation, Sick Headache, Bilioussness, or any trouble of Stomach, Liver or Kidneys they're unrivaled. Only 25c at McMaster Co's drug store.

Education in the South.

A movement to organize educational work in the United States, especially in the South, on a larger scale than has ever been attempted heretofore, has been gaining strength rapidly in New York within a few weeks, says a dispatch. It has attracted the favor of a dozen or more men of great wealth, among them John D. Rockefeller and his son, who have determined to give needed financial support. Already several millions of dollars are ready to be pledged to the great undertaking, and abundant means will be available as soon as the plans for organization are completed. While there have been frequent conferences of late regarding the educational organizations to be formed, it may be several weeks before the men who are busy with the plans are ready to apply for charters. So far as there has been substantial agreements,



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however, the plans indicate the foundation of a strong central educational board, which will direct in a general way the educational work to be performed in various states by branch organizations. For a time the efforts of the organization will be directed to educational work in the south, but later on when southern educational systems and facilities have been brought up to a high standard, the organization probably will direct some of its energies to educational work in the northern and western states. The organization is to be formed on such a substantial basis that it will be self-perpetuating, and will be expected to continue to increase in power and influence long after the men who give it a start are dead.

For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by all druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

McLaurin's Candidacy.

R. M. L., writing from Washington, says in the News and Courier:

Senator McLaurin's candidacy is not receiving much attention from the South Carolina Congressmen for the reason that a majority, if not all of the members, have expressed the opinion that he will not enter the race. Some say the Senator will voluntarily keep out of the campaign and hereafter make his home in Washington to practice law. Another theory, and one held by a member in close touch with the plans of the State Democratic committee, is that the Senator will be ruled out of the primary at the State Convention. This may be because of his refusal to caucus with the Democrats and his acceptance from the Republicans of committee assignments for this season. Senator McLaurin himself is reticent about discussing his plans, though he has not yet said anything about withdrawing.

Stops the Cough and works off the Cold.
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

The Handling of Guns.

From Forest and Stream.

Before getting into a wagon it is no more than common prudence and foresight to remove the shells from one's gun. It is also but the task of a moment. If the horses should run away, if the wagon should break down, if the shooter should slip and fall in getting in or out, there is no possibility of death from the discharge of his gun. If the same precaution is observed when crossing a fence there again can be no "accident" from the gun. If one keeps one's gun pointed in the air or entirely away from the person of others, even if the gun should be discharged when in hand, there again could be no accident. If the gun is placed against a tree, the cartridges being first withdrawn, then if the dog knocks it over or if it falls

down from any cause, there can be no accident. If the shooter takes care to know absolutely what kind of animal is moving, he cannot by mistake shoot a man for a deer. It is quite as easy to think that a deer is a man as it is to think that a man is a deer. Wait till you know definitely, then you will not afterward have to tell what you thought, with the added knowledge that a man does not remotely look like a deer, and that all regrets cannot restore a life. In short, the matter of "accident" may depend on the matter of care and foresight more than on the unforeseen. Think about these things, and think about them before and not after.

The Best Prescription for Malaria

Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chills Tonic. It is a tonic and quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. Price 50c.

Turn About Fair Play.

Harper's Weekly.

If Mr. Roosevelt should be re-elected or some other citizen should be chosen our next president will it not be fit for England to send a special embassy, with a complete outfit of admirals and generals, to represent her at the inauguration? If not, why not?

Saved Her Childs Life.

"In three weeks our chubby little boy was changed by Pneumonia almost to a skeleton," writes Mrs. W. Watkins, of Pleasant City, O. "A terrible cough set in, that, in spite of a good doctor's treatment for several weeks, grew worse every day. We then used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was soon sound and well. We are sure this grand medicine saved his life." Millions know it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. McMaster Co. guarantee satisfaction. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

This month has only three phases of the moon. It will be many a day before that happens again.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries. It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble. If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.